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Announcing Camp Sha'ar Zahav
Saturday, August 26, 2000, 6 pm

Warm summer nights by the campfire bring back memories of summer camp. Old friends. New faces. The Membership Committee presents a summer social for current members, their friends and prospective members. After a brief Havdalah service, we will fire up the hearth, break out the song sheets and dance our hearts out. Light refreshments will be served.

Want to help make this a successful event? Here is how you can help:

- Invite friends who might be interested in Sha'ar Zahav to experience the warmth of the community. We are timing the event to help attract people who are "synagogue shopping" before the High Holidays.
- Volunteer to call prospective members to invite them to the event. Feeling personally welcomed by CSZ members is what makes visitors want to join. Pitch in with planning the event and getting the word out.
- Help at the night of the event by introducing and mingling with some of the new faces.

For more information, please contact:
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lsalem@shaarzahav.org),
Joe Hample (621-7675;
jhample@wellsfargo.com) or
Marc Wernick (928-7883;
mhwernick@aol.com)

Watch for the August calendar mailing for more details. Summer camp was never quite this fun.

High Holidays 5761

It is only July, yet we are already looking forward to, and planning for, the coming High Holidays. We are fortunate in that we can continue using the Herbst Theater for the majority of High Holiday services and we are excited at the prospect of having our new rabbi, Camille Angel, on the bimah.

A High Holiday packet containing information on services, tickets, children's programming, childcare and classes will be mailed to all CSZ members in mid-summer. Non-CSZ members who would like to join us for the holidays are invited to contact the office in order to request a High Holiday packet.

We encourage members of the congregation to participate in our services. If you would like to chant from the Torah, sing with the Ensemble, lead a reading or sound the shofar, please let us know by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to the CSZ office by August 1. A schedule for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur appears in the box to the right.

High Holiday services at CSZ also require an enormous amount of volunteer effort in the areas of logistics, greeting, ushering, oneg, break fast, children's programming and discussion groups. Please consider beginning the new year with the mitzvah of helping in one of these areas. If you can offer an hour or two, contact Lea Salem in the CSZ Office at 861-6932, or at lsalem@shaarzahav.org.

Saturday, September 23
Selichot

Sunday, September 24
Annual Cemetery Visit

Friday, September 29
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 30
First Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 1
Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 8
Kol Nidre

Monday, October 9
Yom Kippur

Shabbat in the Great Outdoors

Enjoy Shabbat in the great outdoors this summer with Trail Midrash. We have two adventures planned to accommodate anyone from the avid hiker to the baby in a stroller. See you there!

Saturday, July 22, Angel Island

Two hikes available:

- Perimeter Road - accessible to wheelchairs and strollers
- Northridge/Sunset Trail, rated 10 out of 10 for beauty.

Bring a bag lunch, water and comfortable shoes. Meet at CSZ at 8:45 am to carpool; we will leave at 9 am sharp!! Or, meet us on the 10 am ferry, Pier 41.

There are also ferries from Alameda and Oakland, schedules available at www.blueandgoldfleet.com/aisc.htm

Saturday, August 19, Mt. Diablo

Two options available:

- Summit Loop, wheelchair and stroller accessible
- Giant Loop, 8.6 miles

Please meet at CSZ at 8:45 am; East Bay meeting place to be announced.

To RSVP or for more information, please call Dahlia Gross (575-4961).

The Ways We Advance



David Gellman

On Sunday, April 16, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to hire Rabbi Camille Shira Angel to be our rabbi. For those of you who were not able to hear the Rabbi Search Committee's report at that meeting, here's a short sketch of who we'll be welcoming into our community later this summer. Copies of the committee's full report are available from the office.

Rabbi Angel is currently the Associate Rabbi at Rodeph Sholom, a 1600-family congregation in New York City. Following her ordination in 1995, Rabbi Angel specifically chose Rodeph Sholom to take advantage of the mentoring offered to young rabbis by a large congregation which currently has three full-time rabbis, plus a cantor and a large staff, supporting not only traditional congregational activities, but also a full-time day school.

During her tenure at this decidedly mainstream congregation, Rabbi Angel distinguished herself by founding an alternative, participatory Shabbat morning Torah-study group and service; creating a monthly Healing Service; developing a lay-led weekday evening minyan; founding an interfaith couples support group; facilitating a bereavement support group and creating several engaging educational programs on such topics as Jewish Messianism, explaining death to children, talking about God with our children, and Jewish views on immortality. During a break in her studies at Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Angel wrote an award-winning high school curriculum called "Intimate Connections: Integrating Human Love with God's Love" which focuses on gay and lesbian culture to teach Jewish teens about empathy, sex, love, Judaism and social justice.

Those of us who have had a chance to meet Rabbi Angel have been extraordinarily impressed with the depth of her Jewish knowledge; the seamless integration of Jewish values into her life, her teaching and her counseling; her

high sense of personal integrity; and her interest in and respect for individuals - which was clearly reciprocated in the glowing recommendations she received. A ninth-generation rabbi, Rabbi Angel said in one of her statements to us: "I am a living link in the chain of tradition. Aware of my linkage, I strive to bring Judaism to people based on where they find themselves at any given point in their lives. The essence of my rabbinate is to make Judaism relevant and compelling, thereby transmitting the values and teachings of our awesome inheritance."

Rabbi Angel will be joining us at our annual leadership Advance August 4-6, and then, at the end of August, she and her partner, Karen Segal, will be moving to San Francisco to join us at Sha'ar Zahav just in time for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Formal installation ceremonies will be scheduled for the fall, after the High Holidays. We look forward to welcoming both Camille and Karen into our community - and to many, many years of worshipping with, and learning from, our new rabbi.

Speaking of the Advance (CSZ's enlightened version of a retreat), each year current leaders and other members who demonstrate their commitment to, and involvement in, CSZ spend a weekend in the country working together to address major issues of concern to the congregation, getting to know each other better through informal social activities and renewing our spiritual connection to Sha'ar Zahav. The theme of this year's

weekend is "L'dor Vador: Developing New Partnerships from Generation to Generation." As President, one of my duties is to send out nearly 200 invitations to participate in the Advance, in order to end up with the 60 persons we can accommodate. No president escapes criticism for his or her omissions from this list. If you are a member who is involved in our congregation, and who should be invited to participate, first, please accept my apology if I failed to include you this year, and second, please let me know so that you can be invited next year.

One of the "new partnerships" that will be scrutinized at this year's Advance will be our relationship with our new rabbi, for this is indeed a partnership in every sense of the word. It is a multifaceted relationship - our rabbi will be a partner in varying degrees with the officers, committees, professional staff, lay leaders and with every CSZ member, and it is a partnership that we will want to nurture and develop over the years. So limitations on numbers at the Advance notwithstanding, here's an invitation I can extend to all of you: Whether you are a donor of your time or dollars or ideas, whether you are a past president or our newest member, whether you are a leader or a "Jew-in-the-Pew" - every shul needs plenty of both - you are cordially invited to participate fully in our new relationship with Rabbi Angel, to grow together as a family and a community, and to create a partnership which will last "L'dor Vador," from generation to generation.

Let's Join JFCS for the Annual AIDS Memorial Grove Cleanup

Every year members of Sha'ar Zahav join Jewish Family and Children's Services for a mitzvah day, cleaning the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park. We plant trees and bushes, we weed and we pick up trash. Each year we stop our work at around 12:00 and spend some time holding a short service to remember our loved ones who have died of AIDS. This year's cleanup of the AIDS Memorial Grove will take place on Sunday, August 13 between 9 am and 1 pm. If you are interested in participating, please call Rachel Kesselman at 449-1200.

Klezmer Music at the Jewish Home for the Aged

CSZ kids, the Social Action Committee and Gay Iz Mir are coming together for an afternoon of Klezmer fun! On July 9 at 2 pm, Gay Iz Mir will be performing a special concert for the Jewish residents of the Home for the Aged, and you're invited. Music will be followed by refreshments and shmoozing. If you would like to attend, please call Dahlia Gross at 575-4961.

Dear Sha'ar Zahavniks:

We can't say thank you enough to everyone who has extended to us words of congratulations and good wishes, made donations in our honor, given us Judaica books they no longer need, organized send-off parties and came by the house to help us pack or to play with the dogs. And we thank the entire community for the Kiddush cup presented to us at services last May. We've brought it with us to Jerusalem; whenever we use it, we connect ourselves back to our CSZ family in San Francisco.

Please stay in touch. And if your travel plans bring you to Israel, we'd love to see you. (We'd love to hear from you *before* you leave San Francisco just in case we need you to bring a small care package....)

Here's how to reach us:

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser
27 Tchernichovsky Street
92587 Jerusalem, Israel

011-972-2-566-1012
toromobo@hotmail.com

Trip to Israel

By Ron Lezell

Co-chair of the Israel Havurah

As previously announced, CSZ will join with the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the SF Jewish Community Federation in a trip to Israel next spring. The trip will be from April 18 through 29, 2001 (which includes Israel's Memorial and Independence Day holidays). There will also be an optional 3-day add-on to the famed carved-rock city of Petra and other sites in Jordan.

The approximate total cost of the trip (for airfare plus the ten days in Israel) will be \$2,900, but the cost may be reduced by up to \$200 by Federation subsidy, depending upon the number of travelers. As this is a Federation-sponsored trip, it's hoped that upon return, participants will volunteer

and/or financially contribute to the Federation, but there will be no solicitation during the trip.

The trip is open to all gay and lesbian Jews, and their friends. The itinerary is being designed to ensure that it will be a great Israeli experience for both first-time and veteran visitors to Israel. In addition to usual visits to archeological and natural attractions, this trip will offer special visits to institutions and sites of special interest to lesbians and gay men.

If you are considering treating yourself to this fun and meaningful spring 2001 vacation, please contact me at rlezell@aol.com or 626-5748. I'll send you further information and an application form as soon as they become available.

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A Tribute to Norma Faini-Pick

By Marc Wernick with special thanks to Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman for her eulogy; it was an inspiration and many of her thoughts about Norma are echoed here.

"But the spirit is mightier than the grave."

Rabbi Maurice Lamm



Such is the case with a beloved friend and member of the congregation, Norma Faini-Pick, who passed away on April 24, 2000 (19 Nisan 5760).

Norma was a woman of beautiful contradictions - fiercely social but remarkably independent, aware of her own needs yet vulnerable, talkative but also a thoughtful author, and eclectic but yet a meticulous "by the book" accountant.

Pirkei Avot (4:21) teaches "This world is like an anteroom before the world to come; prepare yourself in the anteroom that you may enter in the banquet hall," and that is how Norma led her life. CSZ became a new family for Norma and she wasted no time converting once-strangers into good friends. She loved to get dressed to the nines and go out. She loved music - from the tunes at Sabbath services to a collection of hundreds of old records.

One of the things that attracted friends to Norma was her open-mindedness. She was interested in people as they were, not in changing them. But Norma didn't just like having different people in her life, she fought for them. Norma had a long history of political and social activism - from being a Freedom Rider to organizing and supporting demonstrations from renters' rights to gay liberation to women's rights.

With her characteristic energy and eclecticism, Norma became a member of CSZ in the last year of her life. She joined all sorts of committees, signed up for the adult Bat Mitzvah program and took a class for new members. She peppered the rabbinical consultant and counselor with provocative questions. She would giggle and gossip with friends who took her to services

and synagogue events.

Norma received care from her three feline companions: Murray, Rosey and Natasha as well as from her niece Magda Tornick, her longtime friends Barry Leonard and Steve Isakson, and from her many new friends at CSZ.

One of the rabbinical scholars, Rumi, said "Your grief for what you have lost lifts a mirror up to where you're bravely working." For me, Norma's life embodied many of the traits I personally admire. When you got to know Norma, you discovered that she was authoritative and confident when telling you what she knew as well as when asking about what she didn't know. She taught me how I can be both strong and yet vulnerable; how I can ask for help but not be needy. Norma's death also re-emphasized the importance of community and the blessing of support that I have personally felt here at CSZ.

Donations in Norma's honor and memory may be forwarded to the American Diabetes Association, San Francisco SPCA or Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

"No matter how exalted the place in Heaven, it lacks the opportunity for doing mitzvot...survivors offer tzedakah in the name of the dead...[and] invite the soul to come and share...the observance of a mitzvah."

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

East Bay Services

Friday, July 21, 8:15 pm

At the home of
Susan Tubbesing and Sarah Nathe
3433 Brunell Dr., Oakland
For directions call (510/482-3740).

Friday, August 18, 7:15 pm

Potluck at the home of
Ida Kuluk and Susan Spott
4042 Maple Ave., Oakland
For directions call (510/530-4673).

Members' Yahrzeits

JULY

- 1 Rachel Mailman
- 4 Ed Gabay
- 6 David Custead
- 9 Alexander Louis Konski
- 17 Steven P. Berman
- 25 Seth Miller
- 30 Phil Resnick

AUGUST

- 2 David Kotch
- 4 Jordan Berger
- 5 Ernie Weinstein
- 6 Jay Platt
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May Va'ad Minutes

We began by counting the Omer.

The minutes of the April Va'ad meeting were adjusted to read "The CEB hopes to raise their revenues through a combination of additional grants, additional students, and only as needed, will conduct an exploration of changes in tuition."

Howard Herman and Lea Salem presented the Security Subcommittee Report. The subcommittee is working with a philosophy of balancing an open and welcoming atmosphere with a sense of safety and security. The Security Plan proposal includes increased door monitoring, staff and community safety training, a media and community response plan, and routine security procedures such as fire drills. The Va'ad affirms the recommendations to do staff training and congregational security/safety education, and requests additional information regarding the potential cost of additional staff time monitoring the door.

Dahlia Gross raised the concern of decreased member volunteerism and increased expectation of staff-driven programming. She invited input on that issue as well as on the role of the new family educator, the CSZ policy for charging for events, and how groups define themselves: as havurot, committees, etc.

Howard Herman gave a Children's Education Board Report, noting that there is an on-going effort to define the role of the CEB relative to the Va'ad, and presenting a revised tuition schedule for Kadimah. There is an increase for next year and the CEB will continue to look at creating a sliding scale tuition policy. This will ultimately need to be decided by the Va'ad and will be explored in relation to the work of the Revenue Task Force. David Shneer is working on projecting numbers of students in future years in order to determine space needs. There is no

need for additional classroom space this school year. A suggestion was made to explore funding for classroom assistants and it was noted that there is grant this year for funding CSZ teens to do some of that work.

Lyssa Friedman gave a Personnel Committee Report. The CSZ organizational chart is complete. Job descriptions are being completed and a staff evaluation form has been drafted and is currently circulating for staff feedback. Once Rabbi Angel is here, the format for the Rabbi's evaluation will be developed with her input. A current project of the Personnel Committee is the creation of a Sexual Harassment policy. The Committee will also give some attention to staff benefits. Finally, it was noted that the contract with Rabbi Angel is almost completed.

Arthur Slepian gave the Treasurer's Report. He noted that March is likely to be the lowest revenue month of this fiscal year; it is expected that dues revenues will pick up in the remaining few months.

Lisa Katz reported that the Revenue Task Force has had its first meeting. They are currently brainstorming and information gathering. The focus is first on dues and then on other fundraising strategies. They expect to complete a report by the July Va'ad meeting.

Ami Zusman gave the Membership Report. She presented two households for membership, one returning and one new. There were no resignations this month.

David Gellman gave the President's Report. David expressed thanks to Robin Leonard and Jeff Sherman for coordinating the Va'ad Shabbaton, to the Ritual Committee for consistently excellent services every

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July/August-Sivan/Tammuz

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
				SEPTEMBER DEADLINE			
				ARTICLES			
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2	29 Sivan	3	30 Sivan	4	Independence Day	1 Tammuz	5
		• 6:30 pm - Children's Education Board Meeting					
9	6 Tammuz	10	7 Tammuz	11	8 Tammuz	12	
• 2 pm - Gay Iz Mir at the Jewish Home for the Aged		• 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting • Deadline Early Registration for Kadimah		• 6 pm - Advance Planning Committee Meeting			
16	13 Tammuz	17	14 Tammuz	18	15 Tammuz	19	
		• 7 pm - Membership Committee • 7:30 pm - Great Books		• 6 pm - Advance Planning Committee Meeting			
23	SF Pride Parade 20 Tammuz	24	21 Tammuz	25	22 Tammuz	26	
• 10 am - Caring for Our Elderly Parents Workshop				• 7-8:30 pm - B'nai Mitzvah Mentorship Training			
30	27 Tammuz	31	28 Tammuz	1	29 Tammuz	2	
• Deadline - High Holiday services participation form due							

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SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
MONDAY, JULY 31 ADVERTISING display ad, contact Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 earthlink.net). To place a classified ad, call the office.			1 Shabbat Shelach 28 Sivan • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
2 Tammuz	6	3 Tammuz	7
		4 Tammuz	8
		• 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Jonathan Funk and Daniel Chesir.</i> Installation of officers during the services. • 8:17 pm - Candle Lighting	Shabbat Korach 5 Tammuz • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
9 Tammuz	13	10 Tammuz	14
		11 Tammuz	15
		• 8:15 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Jose Luis Moscovich</i>	Shabbat Chukat-Balak 12 Tammuz • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am-Noon - Bakayitz - Summer Hebrew Program • 10 am - Singing Shabbat Services with <i>Howard Steiermann and Leslie Kane</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
16 Tammuz	20	17 Tammuz	21
		18 Tammuz	22
		• 8:11 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - East Bay Services • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Paul Cohen and Judith Holiber</i>	Shabbat Pinchas 19 Tammuz • 9 am - Trail Midrash • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 4 pm - Baby Havdalah
23 Tammuz	27	24 Tammuz	28
	• 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting	25 Tammuz	29
		• 8:05 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Tiela Chalmers and Mark Gershman</i>	Shabbat Mattot-Masei 26 Tammuz • 9 am - Gay Iz Mir SF JCC with Gay and Lesbian Freedom Band • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
1 Av	3	2 Av	4
		3 Av	5
		• 7:58 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services	Shabbat Chazon 4 Av • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah

information.

Why Is This New Member Different From All Others? *By Marc Wernick*

"I'd been synagogue shopping for the last six years, coming to CSZ for the last year, and joined as a member about six months ago," says Riley Morgan, talking about his courtship with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, which, he feels, provides the right structure to his feminist background. He describes CSZ as "a dynamic congregation" and commends us for "reaching out to different populations and welcoming people of varying identities." In fact, Riley and his partner, Stacey Hart, along with Va'ad member Rose Katz, recently led a dialogue on the topic of intergenerational conceptualizations of sexual orientation, gender identity and community, to deepen that understanding among the membership of the synagogue.

Riley's approach to Sha'ar Zahav mirrors his *modus operandi*. In talking to Riley about his coming out process - as a lesbian and as a transgendered man - and about his recent decision to attend law school, you discover a man who is true to soul, relying on both emotion and intellect, as well as secular and Jewish philosophy for insight. And, once Riley gathers his data, watch out, for he is ready to spring into action.

Riley went to the University of Illinois where he helped to found one of the country's first LGBT community centers in a university setting. Riley is an applied research sociologist by training and he explores the world through that lens. For example, five years after coming out as a lesbian, Riley began to explore the psychosocial, medical and legal ramifications of gender transition for more than four years prior to his decision to transition from female to male (FTM). "The only stones I left unturned were the ones I stumbled on," he jests.

"One of the most intense emotional experiences through the process of exploring my gender identity was the fear of cultural backlash from two distinct communities - the queer community and the Jewish community." In his initial research, Riley found that segments of the Jewish community were very derogatory toward the LGBT community as a whole. In turn, there were segments of the LGB community that were intolerant of transgendered individuals. "In the end, though, I found friends in the queer

community who supported me as I physically transitioned, and information from a more reasonable Jewish point of view made me realize that I did not have to compromise any of my identities - lesbian, FTM and Jewish."

Riley is also embarking on another change. He will be starting law school shortly. Currently, Riley is a consultant doing education, research and advocacy for transgender concerns within business, university and medical settings. Riley hopes to take his sociology research skills and partner them with skills he will soon acquire in his legal studies to make social change happen.

To get to know Riley better, I asked Riley the following four questions:

1. *If someone from CSZ found it difficult to understand gender transition, how would you reply?*

"I would appeal to them through an understanding of Jewish law, as well as on a personal level," replied Riley. "Jewish law has as many interpretations as there are scholars. One of the central passages that is relevant to transgender issues is Deuteronomy 22:5. 'A man's item shall not be on a woman, and a man shall not wear a woman's garment; whoever does such a thing is an abhorrence unto Adonai.'" Riley forwarded an email of excerpts from his assembled research, with a variety of interpretations of this passage, which cited Deut. 22:5 as a prescription to prevent unsanctioned commingling of men and women that might lead to adultery or rape, as well as a way to reduce contamination of monotheistic Judaism by those who practiced cross-dressing in the context of the polytheistic goddess worship of the Canaanites. "Many of the so-called admonishments of transsexuality in the Torah take root in the rules regarding the impact of intersex conditions on inheritance rights. Jewish law was intended to include, not exclude, hermaphrodites and androgynous individuals."

From a personal level, Riley argues, "Just as ideas about who we should fall in love with are based on one's sex at birth, so is the idea of our gender. I see the same inherent dynamic with homosexuality and transgenderism. Everyone is capable of knowing whether they are

inherently queer or straight. Similarly, everyone also has an innate sense of whether they are male, female or somewhere in between. Sometimes, our bodies just don't match our gender. Just as you would never say 'You shouldn't be gay or lesbian,' you also wouldn't want to say to someone 'you shouldn't be transgendered.'"

2. *Who is your role model?*

Riley identifies with Amos. The Chumash identifies Amos as a paragon of justice and affirms the holiness of the individual. "He was obsessed with justice. His rage was matched by courage," notes Riley. "Amos is so dedicated; his energy is used to create social justice."

3. *What are your sources of energy?*

Almost immediately, with an impish smile in his voice, Riley replies, "One good conversation can have me going for at least a week. I love connecting with friends on an intimate level - debating, being the Devil's advocate and eliciting ideas. Controversy and debate adds to what I am; I can always learn from another person's ideas."

4. *What books are on your nightstand?*

Riley is an avid reader of non-fiction. The four books on his nightstand: *Jewish Literacy*, *Myths of Gender*, *Planet Law School*, and the Institute of Medicine's *Report on Lesbian Health*.

We look forward to learning more about Riley, and the transgender community, as well as the many other communities and individuals at CSZ so we can enrich our understanding of the diverse ways we express our identities within our Jewish community.

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Kohn Summer Intern at CSZ

The Kohn Summer Intern Program is an 8-week program for college students sponsored by Jewish Vocational Services. Students are placed at Jewish agencies around the Bay Area for the purpose of gaining valuable workplace experience while contributing to the community. This year, CSZ has been selected as one of the placement sites for a Kohn Intern.

Sarah Shoshannah Davidson is a San Francisco native presently enrolled at UC Santa Cruz. Sarah has extensive volunteer experience including working on UCSC's Coalition Against Proposition 21, Project Open Hand and The Names Project. In addition she has worked at Congregation Beth-Israel Judea in San Francisco. Her focus in school is marine biology which she plans to incorporate with political and social activism. This summer promises to be rewarding for both Sarah and the CSZ community as she joins us with her passion for justice and interest in Jewish / Palestinian rights in Israel.

Sarah will be in the CSZ office this summer, M-Th. She can be reached at 861-6932, or drop by to say hello.

Do you have items for the Naches Column? We'd love to publish them. Please contact the office and give us your good news!



Pinat Yeladim Children's Corner



On the Road: Tefilat ha-Derekh

Summer is a time for relaxation and traveling. As we sit in our airplane seats waiting for take-off and landing, or head out on the Interstate, we often are looking for some words to say to give us peace of mind as we head out into the unknown. I encourage everyone to bring Judaism on the road with them by saying the "Tefilat ha-Derekh" or Prayer for a Journey, which reads:

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שְׁתּוּלִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצְעִירֵנוּ
לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַסְמְכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַנְחֵנוּ אֶל
מַחוּז חֶפְצֵנוּ לְחַיִּים וְלִשְׁמִינָה וְשָׁלוֹם

Yehi ratson milfanekha adonai
eloheinu ve-elohai avoteinu
ve-imoteinu she-tolichenu le-shalom
ve-tasideinu le-shalom ve-tismekheinu
le-shalom ve-tankheinu el-mekhoz
kheftseinu le-khayim ulesimkha
ule-shalom.

May it be the will of you, God and God of our ancestors, to conduct me in peace, to direct my steps in peace, to keep me in peace, and to help me achieve everything I desire in life, joy and peace.

I wish everyone safe, adventuresome and rewarding summer travel.

Kadimah

During the slow summer months, our children's programs take it much slower as well. The first annual Bakayitz summer Hebrew program will take place every third Saturday of the month through the summer. We are also starting to prepare for the beginning of school on September 9 and the High Holidays. Remember that early Kadimah registration is due July 10 and all Kadimah registration by August 15.

I encourage all families to spend their Shabbat mornings learning together at home. For those families who don't know Hebrew, take out a child's Hebrew book and learn a few new words together. For those who want to learn a little more Torah, come to Torah study on Saturday mornings, which is continuing throughout the summer. And of course, Shabbat Shacharit services continue throughout the summer at 10:00 am.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is for children aged 2-5, their friends and families. We come together the fourth Saturday of every month at 10:30 am for an age-appropriate service, arts and crafts, storytelling and much more! Please join us this summer - Saturday, July 22, and Saturday, August 26, at CSZ. Everyone is welcome!!!

Baby Havdalah Celebration

Finally, a monthly group for the youngest folks in our community, babies up to 24 months. This is a forum for families to socialize, and for our family educator to introduce CSZ families to ways of incorporating Jewish practice into their lives, through song, dance, food and other experiential ways. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are July 22, August 26 and September 16 at 4 pm. For more information, please call Dahlia Gross at 575-4961.

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STEP THREE: Pick up your keys.

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commissions to CSZ

Va'ad Minutes

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week, to Dahlia and company for an amazing Congregational Seder, and to the Rabbi Search Committee and Va'ad for a very smooth and very excellent Special Congregational Meeting. An exit interview with Rabbi Richman affirmed that our partnership has been a good experience for both parties. There will be no Va'ad meeting in August unless an emergency arises.

Lea Salem delivered the Administrator's Report. She gave a building update. There are signage issues and some elevator issues that are being handled presently. Acoustical panels for the sanctuary should be installed within a month. It has been impossible to find an affordable acoustical engineer to evaluate acoustics issues in the Oneg Room. Lea welcomes engineering support or referrals. Three members entered the covenant in the last month. Births include one set of triplets, one set of twins and one solitary baby. Member Norma Faini-Pick passed away.

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

Sponsoring the oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one, or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.

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<i>Gift Shop</i> , Jeff Rubin	<i>Women's Havurah</i> , open

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.

Contributions

Adult Education Fund

Marjorie Hilsenrad, in honor of Joe Hample.
Smokey Cormier, in honor of Paul Cohen.
Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.
Smokey Cormier, in honor of Rabbi Eric Weiss.
Rabbi Eric Weiss, in honor of Smokey Cormier's entrance into the Covenant.

AIDS Fund

Allan Berenstein, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Mark Feldman.
Allan Berenstein, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Bob Mackie.

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Cormier-Prussin Family, in memory of Rabbi Jason Gaber.
Allan Berenstein, in honor of Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman.
Allan Berenstein, in honor of Kyle West's entrance into the Covenant.

Chesir-Stein Music Fund

Henry Carrey, in memory of Solomon Post.
Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of the wedding of Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart.

Children's Education Fund

Barbara Becker and Ellen Press, in memory of Robert Becker.
Cormier-Prussin Family, in honor of the birth of Amalia Cymrot-Wu.
Barbara Becker and Ellen Press, in memory of Martin Becker.
Kane-Fishman Family, in honor of Howard Steiermann's receiving the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Federation.
Allan Berenstein, in memory of Tom Yazman.
Cormier-Prussin Family, in honor of the birth of Jesse Felder Noily.

DON'T FORGET!

PLEASE DROP TOILETRY ITEMS INTO THE BIG RED BIN FOR OUR HOMELESS

Robert and Barbara Bernstein, in honor of Ray Bernstein.
Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart, in honor of Lyssa Friedman and Joe Hample.

Brian Jersky, in memory of Paul Jersky and Jean Skudowitz.

Barry Schmell.

Ami Zusman, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in honor of Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart on their wedding.

Bryanchikovich Rubenstein.

David Rosenthal.

Deborah Udin and Lucy Cefalu, in appreciation of the Rabbi Search Committee.

Jeffrey Sherman, in memory of Helen Bass.

Dey and Antoinette Rose, in honor of Smokey Cormier's entrance into the covenant.

Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart, in honor of Dev Felder Noily.

George Aul.

Leon Dow.

James Carlson, in honor of Smokey Cormier's entrance into the Covenant.

Barbara Becker and Ellen Press, in memory of Reuben Closter.

Lele Diamond and Rachel Field, in memory of Paul Sullivan.

Kane-Fishman Family, with prayers for a complete healing for Phyllis Mintzer.

Jonathan Funk, in honor of the Klaiman triplets.

Kane-Fishman Family, in honor of Sarita Groisser's birthday.

Bea Lieberman, in memory of Rose Levin.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Ann Schmier.

Education Fund

Avraham Giannini, in honor of Jonathan Comisar on his investiture as cantor from the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College.

General Fund

Jay and Sheila Gershman, in honor of Mark Gershman's leading Shabbat services.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Harriet Opal.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in honor of Robin Leonard's acceptance to Hebrew Union College.

Jeffrey Sherman, in memory of Robert Baldock.

Jerry Fishman.

Kyle West, in honor of Paul Cohen.

Lawrence Hellman, in memory of Simon Helman.

Marc Wernick, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.

Mike Siani.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Rose Mintzer Browner.

Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart, in honor of the loving and supportive Sha'ar Zahav community.

Nina Raff, in memory of Lillian Raff.

Patti Moscovitz, in honor of Lida Pejman's entrance into the covenant.

Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign

Rabbi Eric Weiss, in honor of Paul Cohen for his work with the conversion program.

Sylvia Nadel, and the Hogan and Schafran Families, in memory of Helen Bass.

Deborah Udin and Lucy Cefalu, in honor of Diana Buchbinder and Jeanne Redsecker's new home.

Beverly and Jerry Meyer, in memory of Paul Nemrow.

Ruth and Murray Lerner, in memory of Paul Nemrow.

Nancie Tollin and Donald Becker, in memory of Paul Nemrow.

Hal Podgur, in memory of Max Podgur.

Sylvia Nadel, and the Hogan and Schafran Families, in memory of Paul Nemrow.

Prayerbook Fund

Robert and Barbara Bernstein, in honor of Ray Bernstein's efforts on the Siddur Committee.

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in appreciation of Robin Leonard's contributions to CSZ.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in memory of Max Biderman.

Phyllis Battleman, in memory of Mitch Battleman.

Rabbi Micah Greenstein, in honor of Joe Hample.

Robert K. Tat, in honor of the wedding of Geoff Benjamin and Craig Persiko.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in memory of Allen Weiss.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Herb Shore.

Roy B. Unger, in honor of Susan and Steve Unger.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in honor of Susan Lubeck and Richard Weiner on their commitment ceremony.

Susan Stahl, in honor of the kiddushin of Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart.

Susan Tubbesing, in memory of Jacob Bezman.

Sylvia Weber, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

David Gellman, in honor of CSZ's new contract with Rabbi Camille Angel.

Paul Cohen, in honor of Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman.

Rabbi Eric Weiss, in honor of Sam Thal.

Social Action Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Norma Faini-Pick.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Nanci Stern.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Julius Rose.

Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs, in honor of the engagement of Melanie Kushnir and Alex Davido.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Sam Hilvitz.

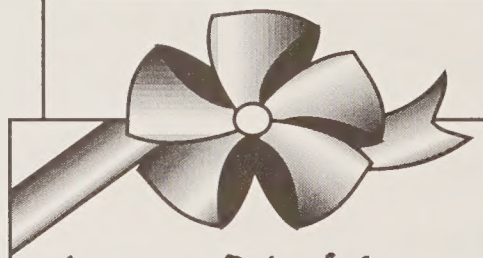
Allen Berenstein, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Duff Kreitzberg.

Allen Berenstein, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Mirtha Beal.



July Birthdays

- 2 Arno Crow Rosenfeld
Alan Foss
- 3 Noah Chasnoff
Virginia Donohue
- 4 Emma Pines-Schwartz
Nina Jo Smith
Deb Yates
- 6 Steve Berlin
Elizabeth Landsberg
Roland Stern
- 7 Avery Fisher
Batya Kalis
Avi Lieberman
- 8 Hannah Pines-Schwartz
Ben Schalit
Laura Trupin
- 9 Steven Elman
Carolyn Pines
- 12 Naomi Zingman-Daniels
- 13 Judith Holiber
Mina Ostro Bluethenthal
Deborah Udin
Jonathan Zimman
- 14 Steve Unger
- 15 Cheryl Price
- 16 Riley Morgan
Kathleen Rosaria
Lois Scott
Sam Walters
Stan Yantis
- 18 Karen Erlichman
Gabriel Press-Becker
- 19 Geraldine Barr
Shira Fitzpatrick-Zimet
Michael Schaffer
- 20 Mary Morgan
Maia Ross Trupin
Jeff Sherman
- 21 Emily Freeman
- 22 Ellen Litman
- 23 Ron Edelman
Nancy Meyer
Jacob Pannor-Watenpaugh
- 24 Elisa Friedlander
Michael Sarid
- 26 Benjamin Achtenberg
Alan Ferrara
- 27 Laura Steele
David Wish
- 28 Susan Schwartz
- 30 Prudence Carter



August Birthdays

- 1 Geoff Benjamin
Molly Hornby-Finch
Mel Lehrbaum
- 2 Leah Halperin
Michael Kay
Mark McCormick
- 3 Mark Troy
- 4 Jonathan Funk
- 5 Ray Bernstein
Ron Miguel
- 7 Alan Michels
Bob Nacamulli
- 8 David Klein
- 9 Allan Gold
- 11 Peter Jacobs
Claudia Rosenbaum
- 12 Frank Yellin
- 13 Jonah Levy
Lonnie Weiss
- 14 Carole Migden
- 16 Cheryl Bryan
Bill Jones
Yavn'ela Oline
- 17 Myles Siltan
- 19 Dan Bellm
Paul Cohen
Liz Schaffer
Elizabeth Wilson
- 20 Stacey Shuster
Jonathan Zingman
- 24 Joshua Shuster-Lefkowitz
- 25 Noah Nacamulli
- 26 Robert Cohen
Shira Zingman-Daniels
- 27 Michael Chertok
Kirsten Gustavson
Charlotte Halloran-Couch
Jesse Tanenbaum
- 28 Micah Barth-Rogers
- 29 Ann Daniels
Josh Levy
- 30 Joe Hample
Frederick Hertz
Shelley Spiro

Caring For Our Elderly Parents: A workshop and exploration of resources

Have you found yourself asking questions about how to care for your elderly parents? Does caring for your parent(s) affect your relationships? How do you decide what

resources to use? Where to find them? How does the Jewish community support adults who are caring for their parents? How does it help us deal with our elderly parents here and afar?

Rabbi Eric Weiss of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center and Abby Kovalsky, LCSW, of Jewish Family and Children's Services invite you to a morning of conversation. We will explore the need for support services within a Jewish context for adults living with or caring for elderly parents.

Please join us on July 23, at 10 am, for bagels, brachas and brainstorming.

For more information and to RSVP, please call Lea Salem or Melanie Kushnir in the CSZ office at 861-6932.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Basil "Buz" Bernstein
Charlotte Honigman-Smith
Claire Rappoport
Gabriel Speyer
A.J. Turpen
Larry Kaplun

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

2000-2001 Membership Renewal

Help keep our synagogue running smoothly! Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's membership year runs from July 1 until June 30. All current CSZ members should have received their membership renewal forms in the mail by now.

Please make an effort to return them to the CSZ office by early July. Your early response helps us with planning for the coming year. If you are not a member and would like to join, we would love to have you. Please contact the CSZ office for information.

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.... **Aging** friends?

.... **Homebound**
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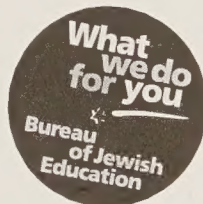
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Condolences

Claire Rappoport on the death of her friend, Kiyoshi Kiromaya.

Rachel Maclachlan on the death of her aunt, Avtar Kaur Khalsa.

James Carlson on the death of his friend, Erna Wolf.

Sarita Groisser on the death of her friend, Gary Felts.

Michelle Binder on the death of her father, Herman Binder.

Lele Diamond on the death of her grandfather, Paul Sullivan.

Naches

To **Geoff Benjamin and Craig Persiko** on their wedding.

To **Eric Temple and Garry Schermann** on their wedding.

To **Sandy O'Neill** on receiving her Ph.D. in Social Cultural Anthropology from the California Institute of Integral Studies.

To **Greer Hauptman** on receiving an Avodah internship at the Jewish Community Library.

To **Deborah Chasnoff** on the release of her movie "That's Family."

To **Rose Katz** on her new home.

To **Amy Scharf** on receiving her Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies in Education from UC Berkeley.

To **Rachel Lanzerotti** on receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work from San Francisco State University.

To **Jeff Rubin** on his promotion to Retail Manager at LensCrafters.

To **Lele Diamond and Rachel Field** on their new home in Fairfax.

To **Brian Jersky** on receiving the 2000 Excellence in Teaching award from Sonoma State University.

July Anniversaries

- 4 Dvora Honigstein and Mary Sue Philp
- 4 Richard Meyerson and Duane Bryant
- 10 Elizabeth Katz and Lee Ann Thompson
- 12 Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara
- 25 Daniel Chesir and Stefan Rowniak
Ron and Ruth Miguel
- 27 David Couch and Nancy Halloran

August Anniversaries

- 1 Steven Berlin and Jim Muth
Fran Frohlich and Margaret Murray
- 7 Judith Wolfe and Jenny Hughes
- 12 Valerie Curtis and Yavn'ela Oline
- 15 Jonathan Funk and John Arnold
- 20 Marsha Blachman and Amy Gentile
- 25 Dey and Antoinette Rose
- 27 Steven Elman and Tom Holt
- 31 Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

- 5/13 Flowers by **Andy Fyne and Richard Mikles** in honor of their wonderful parents, Mollie and Harold Fyne.
- 5/26 Oneg by **Geoff Benjamin and Craig Persiko** in honor of their aufruf and wedding.
- 6/9 Oneg by **Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman** in loving memory of Julie Gutterman.
- 6/16 Flowers by **Michael Sarid** in loving memory of Gil DeSilva.
- 6/16 Oneg by the **friends of Howard Steiermann** in honor of Howard's being awarded the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Federation.
- 6/23 Flowers by **Ron Edelman** in loving memory of his father, Abby Edelman.

Special thanks:
to **David Maltz** who is generously sponsoring flowers for one service a month through the calendar year.

Correction:
The 5/12 oneg was sponsored by **Alice, Rina and Anya Prussin** in honor of Smokey's entrance into the covenant.

Classifieds

HOUSESITTER. Going away in August, September or October? We are available to housesit and take excellent care of your home, pets, and plants at no cost to you, so that we may be near our San Francisco family. Ten years experience. References from Sha'ar Zahav members. Email josyfish22@aol.com or call 415/255-2497.

TORAH TROPE INSTRUCTION. Private tutoring/groups. Contact Kenny Altman at 379-9783 or by email, altmank@aol.com.

IN NEED OF HOUSING. I am moving to SF from DC in late June. Looking for a room in a house or a house sitting opportunity beginning July 1. I have local references and I also know past CSZ member Scott Mezistrano. I have been a member of Bet Mishpachah in DC for 6 years. Please call me 202/544-3279 or e-mail drachleff@yahoo.com.

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